Services. In view of the representations and suggestions received regarding listing of drugs under Category I of the Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987, a Committee of experts was set up to review the list of drugs under Category I. The Committee has submitted its report on 8-11-88.

Drugs used for eye infection

530. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJNI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4212 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that neither Oxytetracycline nor Demethylchlorotetracycline in a salt or derivative of Tetracyline used for eye treatment;

(b) if so, in what manner these fall in category-I; and

(c) whether it is a fact that list of Category-I sent by his Ministry mentions only Tetracycline Hcl 1 per cent, if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) A Committee of Experts was constituted to review the list of drugs which figure under category I of drug price control order, 1987. The Committee has submitted its report on 8th November, 1988.

Expert Committee for Identification of drugs for Category—I

531. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an expert committee to identify drugs for category 1 list;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government did not include certain programmes in the list sent to the committee;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for non-inclusion and who is responsible for the same;

(d) whether Government propose to investigate the matter and fixed responsibility and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Eleven National Health Programmes were identified by the Director General Health Services and Ministry for the purpose of categorisation of drugs under Category I of the Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Cancer Control and Mental Health .. Programme

532. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cancer Control and Mental Health Pragrammes are covered under National Health Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have approved these programmes and also allocated budget for the same;

(c) if so, what budget was allocated for each programme during 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(d) whether Government have implemented these programmes; and

(e) if so, when and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India launched the Cancer Control Programme during the 5th Five Year Plan and the Mental Health Programme during the 7th

Five Year Plan. The budget allocation for the two Programmes are given below:—

	1987-88	1988-89
	(*Rs. in lakhs*)	
Cancer Control Programme . .	500	400
Mental Health Programme .	2	20

(d) and (e) The budget provision made under Cancer Control Programme is mainly utilised for giving assistance to 9 Regional Cancer Centres assistance to Indian Cancer Society, Bombay for a project undertaken by that Society and for giving assistance @ Rs. 12.00 lakhs to the institutions for setting up of Cobalt therapy units.

During the year 1987-88 a sum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs was released to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences Banglore under the Mental Health Programme for coordination work; assistance to Schizophernia Research Foundation Task force; etc.

List of Essential Drugs

533. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the anwer to Unstarred Question 2629 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Diazepam, Largectil, Oxazepam, Mellaril and other similar drugs are extensively used for mental diseases;

(b) whether it is a fact the growth rate of these drugs in between 8 per cent to 14 per cent per annum;

(c) what are the names and designation of experts who declared Diazepam and similar other drugs as non-essential;

(d) whether these were experts from his Ministry or from outside institutions and what institute each of them represented;

(e) what are the basis on which these drugs have been treated as non-essential;

(f) whether his Ministry has drawn up a list of essential drugs; and

(g) if so, who drew the list and what are the names of those drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such information is available with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(c) to (e) On the basis of representations received, Ministry of Health & F.W. in consultation with the Director General of Health Services recommended to the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals to consider exclusion of Diazepam and other tranquillizers from Category II of the Drug Prices Control Order, 1987.

(f) and (g) Government has not prepared any National list of essential drugs. However, the list of drugs considered to be essential for Primary Health Centres and sub-centres is under revision.

Supply of Anti T.B. Drugs to States

534. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4083 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the basis and rational behind purchasing anti-TB drugs and then supplying them to the states and what are other National Programmes for which medicines are procured and supplied to the states;

(b) whether it is a fact that the purchases of anti-TB medicines is the largest and the purpose of Central purchases of these medicines is the money pay offs which these purchases involve;

(c) what is the rate at which Rifampicin capsules were procured during 1987-88 and 1988-89 and the extent of purchase from each company;